this particular meeting at Ranchi. And so on and so forth.

Therefore, I would like to know from the hon. Minister not an omnibus answer but the concrete suggestions that have come forth in that meeting which could go to make these points effective. Therefore I would like the Minister to give those details.

SHRI VASANT SATHE: It is an obvious thing in a question like this. As Prof. Lakshmanna knows these are not new things. These are routine matters of day-to-day discussion, consideration and improvement. On capacity utilisation, inventory control and store management no new details are going to be placed. These are matters in which ultimately we have to see results. I am sure he would be interested more in results. Even a small book can be prepared on details of instructions that have been given many times up till now. If he wants, we can send the details to him and he can examine them. But I do not think that is going to satisfy him. What will ultimately satisfy you is the results that we have obtained. There in the matter of OMS there has been an improvement from 0.89 to 1.2 in just one year. This is the result of all the actions that were taken and such things we will carry on.

SHRI E. BALANANDAN: The Minister has said in his reply that mistakes of the workers are very much there with regard to accidents. May I ask him, can any foolproof arrangement be made with regard to the moving machinery in coal mines so that the workers cannot expose themselves to any accident? This is the modern method accepted throughout the world to avert accidents. Is the Minister aware of that and will the Minister take such kind of steps in the coal mines?

SHRI VASANT SATHE: Sir, this will mean total mechanisation of coal-mining. Wherever in other countries complete mechanisation is introduced human element is reduced and that is what reduces the accidents. But in Indian conditions it would not be possible, nor would it be desirable because that will mean reduction of so many employees which we do not want to do. The best thing is to educate our workers, make them aware of the safety needs, as one honourable Member has said.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Question Hour is over.

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## WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

### Rise in the prices of drugs

*62. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that following Government's decision to decontrol the prices of certain drugs, there has been a sharp rise upto 250 per cent in the prices of drugs including some life saving drugs making the drugs beyond the reach of common man; and

(b) if so, what is Government's reaction thereto and the measures being taken by Government to check the abnormal rise in the prices of drugs and to make these available to the users at reasonable prices?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J VENGAL RAO): (a) As per the provisions of Drugs (Prices Control) Order, 1987, most of the life saving drugs are price controlled. Manufacturers of decontrolled drugs are free to revise the prices. However, Government is keeping a watch and has intervened, wherever necessary.

(b) The increase have not gone unnoticed. On Government's intervention, 15 manufacturers have brought down the prices of 55 packs of formulations/bulk drugs to reasonable levels.

### Central investment in Orissa in the industrial sector

*65. SHRI BASUDEB MOHAPATRA: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) what is the annual Central investment in Orissa during the last three years in the industrial sector;